
ISLAMIC CALENDAR



A graphic featuring a large, glowing moon in the upper left corner, set against a dark orange background with a silhouette of a mosque and its minarets. The scene is dotted with small white stars, suggesting a night sky. Below this graphic is a calendar table with a light orange background and a subtle grid.

07	October	2009
16	Shaaban	1428
17	Ramadan	1429
18	Shawwal	1430
19	Dhu al-Qidah	1431
20	Dhu al-Hijjah	1432

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Islamic Studies Binder Section Kit

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Reference Sheets

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Wall Calendar Template

- Use these as is for teacher and student binders
- Print them out poster-sized for wall displays (3x3 tiles is a great size for the wall calendar); laminate the wall calendar so you can write in the month name and day numbers and reuse.
- There are two copies of the Days of the Week, Months of the Year, and Seasons chart, one copy is Arabic and Translation only, and the other copy contains transliteration so you can choose the one that best fits your needs.

Days of the Week

أَيَّامُ الْأُسْبُوعِ

الأَحَدُ

Sunday

الإِثْنَيْنِ

Monday

الثُّلَاثَاءِ

Tuesday

الأَرْبَعَاءِ

Wednesday

الْخَمِيسِ

Thursday

الْجُمُعَةِ

Friday

السَّبْتِ

Saturday

Days of the Week

أَيَّامُ الْأُسْبُوعِ

الأَحَدُ

Al
Ahad

Sunday

الإِثْنَيْنِ

Al
Ithneyn

Monday

الثَّلَاثَاءُ

Ath
Thulaa
thaa`

Tuesday

الأَرْبَعَاءُ

Al
Arbi`aa`

Wednesday

الْخَمِيسِ

Al
Khamees

Thursday

الْجُمُعَةَ

Al Jumuah

Friday

السَّبْتِ

As
-Sabt

Saturday

Months of the Year

شُهُور السَّنَةِ

1

مُحَرَّم

7

رَجَب

2

صَفَر

8

شَعْبَانَ

3

رَبِيعِ الْأَوَّلِ

9

رَمَضَانَ

4

رَبِيعِ الثَّانِي

10

شَوَّال

5

جُمَادَى الْأَوَّلِ

11

ذُو الْقَعْدَةِ

6

جُمَادَى الثَّانِي

12

ذُو الْحِجَّةِ

Months of the Year

شُهُور السَّنَةِ

1	مُحَرَّم	7	رَجَب
	Muharram		Rajab
2	صَفَر	8	شَعْبَانَ
	Safar		Sha'baan
3	رَبِيعِ الْأَوَّلِ	9	رَمَضَانَ
	Rabee' Al Awwal		Ramadaan
4	رَبِيعِ الثَّانِي	10	شَوَّال
	Rabee Ath thaanee		Shawwaal
5	جُمَادَى الْأَوَّلِ	11	ذُو الْقَعْدَةِ
	Jumaadaa Al Awwal		Thul Qa'dah
6	جُمَادَى الثَّانِي	12	ذُو الْحِجَّةِ
	Jumaadaa Ath Thaanee		Thul Hijjah

Seasons

الفُصُول

الصَّيْفُ

summer

الخَرِيفُ

fall

الشِّتَاءُ

winter

الرَّيْعُ

spring

Seasons

الفُصُول

الصَّيْفُ

As
-Seyf

summer

الخَرِيفُ

Al
Khareef

fall

الشِّتَاءُ

Ash-
shitaa'

winter

الرَّيْبِعُ

Ar-
Rabee'

spring

ISLAMIC OBSERVANCES

Observance	Date	Significance
Yawmul Ashurah	Muharram 10	Commemorates day that Musa and Bani Israil escaped from Firaun; from the sunnah to fast this day
Ramadan	9th month	Month of Fasting
Eidul Fitr	Shawwaal 1	Celebrates end of Ramadan fasting
Yawmul Arafah	Dhul Hijjah 9	Day those performing hajj stand at Mt. Arafat; sunnah for non-pilgrims to fast
Eidul Adhaa	Dhul Hijjah 10	Day of celebration; Commemorates test of Allah upon Ibrahim and Ismail (alayhumaa salaam); animals are symbolically slaughtered on this Eid

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
الأحد	الاثنين	الثلاثاء	الأربعاء	الخميس	الجمعة	السبت
Al Ahad	Al Ithneyn	Ath Thuloathaa`	Al Arbi'a	Al Khamees	Al Jumuah	As Sabt

7.1 ISLAMIC CALENDAR CONCEPTS

7.1 SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE MASTERY LIST

BASIC	ADVANCED
<p>7.1.1 Motivation for learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student can explain in his/her own words why it is important to him/her to learn the details of the Hijri Calendar 	
<p>7.1.2 Days/Days of the Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can name the Islamic days of the week in order <input type="checkbox"/> Knows the significance of the white days (we fast) (13th, 14th, 15th) and can identify them by sighting the moon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can write each day of the week name in Arabic
<p>7.1.3 Months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can name the Islamic months in order <input type="checkbox"/> Knows that Islamic months begin with the sighting of the crescent moon; knows the word for crescent moon is hilaal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can write each month name in Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> Knows the phases of the moon and can roughly identify the time of the month by observing; especially the beginning of the month
<p>7.1.4 Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knows significance of important events on the Islamic calendar and when they occur <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When the new year starts (though this is not celebrated) ○ Yawmul Jumuah ○ Yawmul Asharah ○ Yawmul Arafat ○ Eid ul Fitr ○ Ramadan ○ Eid al Adhaa ○ Days of Tashreeq ○ Hajj season ○ Approximate date of Laylatul Qadr (when it could be) ○ Know that we do not celebrate the Prophet's birthday as there is no evidence for doing so. ○ Fasting days (Mondays and Thursdays) 	
<p>7.1.5 Seasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Knows the names of the four seasons in Arabic and their order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knows how to write the names of the four seasons in Arabic
<p>7.1.6 Calendar Characteristics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can explain two differences between the two calendars (Hijri/Gregorian): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hijri is lunar based; Gregorian is solar based ○ Durations of months are not fixed in Islamic (can be 29 or 30 days); days are fixed in Gregorian <input type="checkbox"/> Student can identify when the Islamic calendar is started from (from which event? Hijrah) 	
<p>7.1.7 Number Concepts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can count in Arabic to 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Can recognize numerals 1 to 30 in Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> Can write numerals to 30 in Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knows how to give the date in Arabic (e.g. how to say the 23rd in Arabic)

7.1 REVIEW BANK

Use for daily/weekly/monthly review

7.1.1 Purpose of Learning the Calendar

- Explain how it can be useful to you to learn about the Islamic calendar

7.1.2 Days of the Week

- Recite days of week in order
- What day comes before/after ____?
- How many days are there in an Islamic month?
- Days of week spelling or dictation drill
- What day will it be in x days? x days ago?
- What two days of the week is it from the sunnah to fast?

7.1.3 Months

(All responses should be in Arabic)

- Recite the months in order
- How many months are there in a year?
- What month comes before/after _____?
- Month name spelling or dictation drill.
- What month will it be in x months? x months ago?
- In what month does event x occur?
- What days of each month are the White Days? Why are they called this and what is it from the sunnah to do on these days?
- What month is the xth month of the year?

7.1.4 Observances

- What date is Yawmul Asharah? What does it commemorate?
- When is Yawmul Arafat? What is its significance?
- What day is Eidul Fitr? What does it commemorate?
- What date is Eidul Adhaa? What does it commemorate?
- Alternatively, ask what observance is on Muharram 10, Shawwal 1, Dhul Hijjah 9, Dhul Hijjah 10, In what month is Hajj?

7.1.5 Seasons

- Recite the seasons in order
- What season are we in now?
- What was last/next season?
- What season will it be/was it x months ago?
- Season name spelling drill

7.1.6 Calendar Characteristics

- How do we tell when a new Islamic month occurs?
- Which calendar is lunar and which is solar ? (hijri vs. Gregorian) What does lunar or solar mean?
- How many months are there until Ramadan?
- The Islamic calendar starts from which event?

7.1.7 Number Concepts

(as related to the calendar)

- Count to 30 in Arabic
- Give the correct date (23rd, etc.) in Arabic
- Identify a random numeral on the calendar
- Write the numbers dictated



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Skill/Knowledge	Mastered	Skill/Knowledge	Mastered
Can explain how learning about the Islamic calendar can be useful		Can give the date of the following events/days: Yawmul Asharah, Yawmul Arafah, Eidul Fitr, Eidul Adhaa, Hajj	
Can name the Islamic days of the week in order		Can recite the seasons in order	
Can write the names of the days of week in Arabic from memory		Can write the names of the seasons from memory	
-Can explain what the white days are -Can explain why they are called the white days -Can explain what it is from the sunnah to do on these days		Can explain two differences between the Islamic and Gregorian calendars	
Can tell the number of days in an Islamic month		Can count to 30 in Arabic	
Can tell how we know when a new Islamic month begins		Can correctly give a random date	
Can recite the names of the Islamic months in order		Can identify the numerals 1-30 in Arabic	
Can write the names of the Islamic months from memory		Can write the numerals 1-30 in Arabic	
Can tell what events occur on the follow days and tell their significance: Muharram 10, Shawwaal 1, Dhul Hijjah 9, Dhul Hijjah 10 th ,		Can tell how many months there are until Ramadan at time of testing.	

Name: _____ Date completed: _____

Suggestions for Student Portfolio Entry

Days of the Week Names
Months of the Year Names
Seasons Month Names
Events in the Islamic calendar
Difference between lunar and solar calendars
Facts about the calendar (number of days of the month, when it started, four sacred months, etc).

Student should prepare a poster, chart, or essay (or other creative format) that includes the knowledge to the left.

Student should date the work.